

# Tradition of Building Is Upheld by Boy, 3

A third-generation member of a family of builders is president of his own construction company while in his mid-twenties, but the fourth generation is already crowding him.

Malcolm Matheson III, 25, comes from a family whose building projects have included hundreds of custom-built homes, the East Front extension of the Capitol and the new Central Intelligence Agency headquarters in McLean. He heads the recently formed Wellington Construction Co., Inc., developers of the residential community of Kirkside between Alexandria and Mount Vernon off Sherwood Hall Rd.

And it looks as if there is another builder coming up in the Matheson family, in the person of Malcolm Matheson IV, who, at the age of three, is a frequent visitor to the development and even now wields a lusty hammer.

#### Founded In 1911

Founder of the family's building tradition was Malcolm Matheson III's maternal grandfather, who started the Washington firm of Charles H. Tompkins Co. back in 1911. Malcolm Matheson Jr. established the company that bears

his name in 1936. The Tompkins company specialized in heavy construction, while Malcolm Matheson Jr., Inc., became a well known builder of custom homes and subdivisions in the area.

Malcolm Matheson III worked for both companies, starting at 10 as a waterboy. He was in charge of material on the big CIA building project in McLean. He graduated from Princeton in 1959.

Matheson's associates in the Kirkside project, which calls for 90 homes on a 45-acre site of rolling countryside, is Mark M. Shepherd, who for many years was superintendent of construction for Malcolm Matheson Jr., Inc.

#### Opening This Month

The first three houses in the initial section of 22 homes at Kirkside are nearly completed while six more are under construction. The formal opening is scheduled for the end of this month. All eight models will feature electric kitchens, fully completed recreation rooms and garages.

Prices on the first models start at \$26,950 with one-third acre of landscaped grounds. Central air conditioning is optional.



Malcolm Matheson IV, 3, became interested in building when M. M. Shepherd, shown at right above, gave him a hammer. Wellington Construction Co. President Malcolm Matheson III, center, watches his son drive a nail for one of the houses in the Kirkside development.



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Malcolm Matheson IV, 3, carries on in the family tradition as he builds a house of bricks in front of his father's home development, Kirkside, in Virginia.